

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A method comprising deodorizing in the presence of a deodorant comprising crystalline aluminosilicate particles, wherein the aluminosilicate particles have a composition of:

$s M(1)_x O_y \bullet t M(2)_2 O \bullet Al_2 O_3 \bullet u SiO_2 \bullet v R_m Q_n \bullet w H_2 O$,

wherein M(1) is one or more members selected from the group consisting of Ag, Cu, Zn and Fe, M(2) is one or more members selected from the group consisting of Na, K and H, R is one or more members selected from the group consisting of Na, K, Ca and Mg, Q is one or more members selected from the group consisting of CO₃, SO₄, NO₃, and Cl, s satisfies 0 < s ≤ 3, and t satisfies 0 ≤ t ≤ 3, with proviso that s + t is from 0.5 to 3, and u satisfies 0.5 ≤ u ≤ 6, v satisfies 0 < v ≤ 2, w satisfies w ≥ 0, x satisfies 1 ≤ x ≤ 2, y satisfies 1 ≤ y ≤ 3, m satisfies 1 ≤ m ≤ 2, and n satisfies 1 ≤ n ≤ 3, [[and]]

wherein the aluminosilicate particle has a specific surface area of 1 m²/g or more and less than 70 m²/g, and

wherein the aluminosilicate particle is obtained by subjecting a raw material aluminosilicate particle having the composition in an anhydride form of:

a M₂O•Al₂O₃•b SiO₂•c R_mQ_n,

wherein M is Na and/or K, R is one or more members selected from the group consisting of Na, K, Ca and Mg, Q is one or more members selected from the group consisting of CO₃, SO₄, NO₃, and Cl, a satisfies 0.5 ≤ a ≤ 3, b satisfies 0.5 ≤ b ≤ 6, c satisfies 0 < c ≤ 2, m satisfies 1 ≤ m ≤ 2, and n satisfies 1 ≤ n ≤ 3,

to an acid treatment with a strong acid in an amount of 5 to 250 meq per 100 g of the raw material aluminosilicate particle (5 to 250 meq/100 g), and ion-exchanging with one or more metal ions selected from the group consisting of Ag, Cu, Zn and Fe.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 4, wherein a 1% by weight aqueous dispersion of the aluminosilicate particle has a pH of 7 or more.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 4, wherein a sulfur-containing odor is deodorized.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 4, wherein M(1) is Ag or Zn, M(2) is at least one of Na and H, Q is at least one of CO₃ and NO₃, 0 < s ≤ 2, 0 ≤ t ≤ 1, s + t is from 0.6 to 1.5, 0.5 ≤ u ≤ 4, 0 < v ≤ 1.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 4, wherein the aluminosilicate particle has a specific surface area of from 30 to 65 m²/g.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 6, wherein said pH is 9 or more.

Claim 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 4, wherein the aluminosilicate particle has a color that satisfies an L* value of 95 or more.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 4, wherein the aluminosilicate particle has an average particle size of from 0.4 to 600 μm .

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 4, wherein the aluminosilicate particle has a shape selected from the group consisting of spherical, acicular, platy, columnar and cancrinite.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 15, wherein the shape is cancrinite, having a sea urchin shape.

Claim 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim [[5]] 4, wherein said acid treatment is with an acid in an amount of 20 to 140 meq/100 g.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 4, wherein the deodorant is in the form of a powder, granules, or pellets.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 4, wherein the deodorant is in the form of a composition additionally comprising at least one of an inorganic binder, organic binder, adsorbent, and a photocatalyst.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 4, wherein the deodorant is present in a composition and having a content of from 1 to 50% by weight in the composition.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 4, wherein the deodorizing is of a human body.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 22, wherein the deodorant is present in a composition and having a content of 0.3 to 10% by weight of the composition.

Claim 24 (New): The method according to claim 4, wherein the aluminosilicate particle has a cancrinite-like form having an X-ray diffraction pattern selected from the group consisting of Nos. 20-379, 20-743, 25-776, 25-1499, 25-1500, 30-1170, 31-1272, 34-176, 35-479, 35-653, 38-513, 38-514, 38-515 and 45-1373, in a powder X-ray diffraction file published by Joint Committee on Powder Diffraction Standards (JCPDS).

Claim 25 (New): The method according to claim 4, wherein the strong acid is hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid or nitric acid.